

# LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **November 11, 2003**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 9

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Academy of Fine Arts**

RECOMMENDATION: After a public hearing, adopt the attached resolution approving a budget amendment in the amount of \$1.2 million and an appropriation of the same amount (second reading) to the Capital Fund to support construction activities of the Academy of Fine Arts at the Main Street campus.

SUMMARY: The Academy of Fine Arts, the new organization that resulted from the merger of the Fine Arts Center and the Academy of Music, has a singular opportunity to move all of its operations downtown to the Main Street location. Making the move requires approximately \$4 million for the completion of renovations to the Price Clemons building and construction of the studio theatre and associated program space. Centra Health has agreed to purchase the Fine Arts Center building on Thompson Drive for \$1.8 million if the Academy will vacate the facility by July 1, 2004. The Academy plans to raise \$1 million from private sources and has asked the City for a contribution of \$1.2 million.

Appropriating the \$1.2 million requires an amendment to the FY 2004 General Fund Budget. Because the amount of the amendment is over \$500,000 a public hearing is required.

PRIOR ACTION(S): First reading approved October 28, 2003

FISCAL IMPACT: The \$1.2 million will come from the undesignated Fund Balance. The Fund Balance will remain within Fiscal Policy guidelines after the appropriation. The relocation of Academy of Fine Arts activities downtown is expected to advance rehabilitation efforts and improve revenues from such sources as real property, admissions, sales, meals and lodging taxes.

CONTACT(S): Kimball Payne

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution

REVIEWED BY: lkp

BE IT RESOLVED That the Fiscal Year 2004 General Fund Budget be amended in the amount of \$1.2 million, with revenues from the undesignated Fund Balance, and the same amount appropriated to the Capital Projects Fund to be used to support the capital construction of the Academy of Fine Arts.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

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Clerk of Council

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